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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 31 and 32 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method of operating a self service terminal (SST), the method comprising the steps of:

receiving wireless communication signals from a mobile computing device in the vicinity of the SST and engaging in communication with the device to detect one or more characteristics relating to device capabilities of the mobile computing device and user preferences of a user of the mobile computing device; and

displaying a series of transaction options to the user, the series of transaction options selected based upon details of the user retrieved from a remote server; and

configuring an SST user interface of the SST to accommodate detected device capabilities and user preferences for the user, configuration of the user interface of the SST including adapting information presented on a display screen of the SST based on the mobile computing device capabilities and user preferences detected through communication with the mobile computing device.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the receiving step includes the step of detecting an additional device within the vicinity of the SST but which belongs to a user not currently interacting with the SST.

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3. (previously presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of determining the configuration of the SST user interface based on the detected characteristics of the additional devices within the vicinity and which belongs to the user not currently interacting with the SST before that user begins to interact with the SST.

4. (original) The method of claim 3 further comprising the step of ordering a plurality of determined configurations in accordance with the time that each detected device has been in the vicinity of the SST.

5. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of displaying advertisements or other information selected according to the detected characteristics of a the mobile computing device.

6. (currently amended) A method of operating a self service terminal (SST), the method comprising the steps of:

receiving wireless communication signals from a mobile computing device in the vicinity of an SST and engaging in communication with the device to identify selected capabilities of the device and to detect a digital signature of a user of the mobile computing device; and

displaying a series of transaction options to the user, the series of transaction options selected based upon details of the user retrieved from a remote server; and

selecting features of a user interface to be presented to a the user dependent on the detected capabilities of the mobile computing device, the features of the user interface being adapted so as to accommodate the detected capabilities of the mobile computing device, adapting features of the user interface including presenting options on a display of the SST including options made available based on the detected capabilities of the mobile computing device.

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7-8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) A self service terminal (SST) comprising:

a configurable user interface;

means for receiving wireless communication signals from a mobile computing device of a user in the vicinity of the SST and engaging in communication with the device to identify one or more of device capabilities and stored user preferences characterizing the mobile computing device; and

means for displaying a series of transaction options to the user, the series of transaction options selected based upon details of the user retrieved from a remote server; and

means for determining the configuration of the user interface to be presented so as to accommodate the device capabilities and user preferences, ~~configuration of the user interface of the SST including adapting information presented on a display screen of the SST based on device capabilities and user preferences detected through communication with the mobile computing device.~~

10-23. (canceled)

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein configuration of the SST user interface includes identifying a communication method used by the mobile computing device and communicating with the device to transmit information for display by the device and receive user inputs entered by the user through the device.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 24, further comprising detecting an additional mobile computing device belonging to a user not currently interacting

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with the SST and presenting that user with an option of conducting a transaction with the SST by way of communication using the mobile computing device.

26. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising transmitting advertising material to mobile computing devices of users not currently interacting with the SST.

27. (previously presented) The method of claim 26 wherein the advertising material includes a notification of remote banking services available through the users' mobile computing devices.

28. (previously presented) The method of claim 27 comprising receiving details of a requested transaction from a user not currently interacting with the SST and presenting said user with an option of completing the requested transaction when the user approaches the SST to begin the interaction.

29. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 comprising communicating with the mobile computing device through secure infrared communication.

30. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 comprising communicating with the mobile computing device through Bluetooth communication.

31. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the mobile computing device comprises a mobile telephone which has the capability of receiving short message device messages and configuring the SST user interface includes communicating with the user through a short message service facility.

32. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein the series of transaction options includes the option to transmit details of the user's balance or most recent transactions to the mobile telephone using the short message facility configuring the SST user

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~~interface includes adapting the user interface to select screens and options presented to the user at the beginning of an interaction, the selection being based on stored user preferences.~~

33. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising reading an identification device presented at an identification device reader of the SST and receiving an authentication input by the user.

34. (previously presented) The method of claim 33 wherein the identification device is an identification card bearing encoded information readable by a card reader of the SST.

35. (previously presented) The SST of claim 9 wherein the SST is an automated teller machine and wherein the configurable user interface includes a user identification device reader.

36. (previously presented) The SST of claim 35 further comprising a currency dispenser for dispensing currency.